

RAILROAD BILL. PASSES SENATE

\$34,000,000 Relief in Near Future Awaits Wilson Approval

PROBE IS URGED

Say Carriers Owe U. S. \$1,292,000,000 Instead of Being Wronged Townsend Explains Need

Washington, Feb. 23.—The Senate passed yesterday, without a record vote, the bill directing the Secretary of the Treasury to honor certificates of the Interstate Commerce Commission for partial payments of amounts due the railroads under the provisions of the Transportation act. Payment in the near future of approximately \$340,000,000 to the railroads now hinges on President Wilson's approval of the measure.

Efforts made by several Senators to amend the bill, as it passed recently in the House, failed. Consideration of the measure opened the gates wide for a general discussion of the transportation situation which was marked by condemnation of the freight and passenger rates now being charged by the railroads.

Although he declared the Government should maintain its honor and pay the "foolish guaranty," Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, urged an amendment under which no further payments could be made to the railroads until investigation by the Interstate Commerce Commission established that they had not been guilty of wasteful expenditures. The amendment was rejected by a vote of 47 to 10.

"It is false, as false as hell," that the railroads have been wronged by this Government," declared the Wisconsin Senator, in a long speech in which he praised W. G. McAdoo's administration of the Railroad Administration during Federal control.

The railroads owe the Government \$1,292,000,000, Senator La Follette said. Senator Townsend, describing the situation which he said made the bill emergency legislation, asserted that the railroads, because of reduced earnings, were entitled to a total payment of \$600,000,000 under the Government guarantee against losses during the six months following the ending of Government control. The carriers, he said, had received \$254,000,000 of that amount and Congress supposed in passing the Transportation act that the balance of approximately \$350,000,000 could be paid them in installments, upon certificates of the Interstate Commerce Commission, though in the nature of the case many settlements cannot be completed in years.

The Comptroller of the Treasury Senator Townsend further explained, had ruled that a final account must be rendered the Government before the roads could receive any additional amounts; and said this "threatens to bring about bankruptcy not only of weaker railroads, but of many business concerns which have sold to railroads materials for which payments cannot be made until the Government acts."

Railroad credit in general, he said, was endangered by delay.

The bill as passed would require the Interstate Commerce Commission to certify to the Treasury amounts which it actually finds to be due railroads, regardless of whether these constitute the entire claims of the carriers. It further would require the Secretary of the Treasury to pay out all sums so certified.

Leave Wage Question to Each Carrier
New York, Feb. 23.—The Association of Railway Executives yesterday sent to the carriers a letter recommending that the matter of adjusting wages of common labor to lower levels be left to the individual railroads to carry out in accordance with conditions prevailing in their territory.

The letter, signed by W. W. Atterbury, chairman of the labor committee, and made public by Thomas De Witt Cuyler, chairman of the association, set forth that the carriers have complained that they had been criticised for not reducing the pay of their common or unskilled labor to wage levels prevailing in other industries.

Owned By Association

Regent of Mt. Vernon Ladies Declares Title to Mansion, Grounds and 200 Acres Including Burial Plot, Clear And Cannot Be Upset

Dover, Del., Feb. 23.—Miss Harriet C. Comegys, of this city, national regent of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, declared yesterday that the association would not permit the removal of the body of George Washington from its last resting place or the closing of the tomb to the public.

Referring to an address in Nazareth, Pa., last night by George Steptoe Washington, in which he said the tomb belonged to the Washington family and could at any time be closed to the public, Miss Comegys said:

"The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association owns the tomb, mansion and grounds outright. Its title to the 200 acres, including the burial plot, is clear and cannot be 'upset.' She added that the Conrads, as descendants of Nellie Custis, who was a granddaughter of Martha Washington, have a right to have their names on the tomb and that the association would not permit the removal of these names.

Philadelphia, February 23.—George Steptoe Washington corrected yesterday the impression that the descendants of the first President desired to bar the public from visiting the tombs of George and Martha Washington.

What Mr. Washington really said he declared, was that the burial ground is not a part of Mount Vernon, but belongs to the family, and could at any time be closed to the public, although the matter had never been discussed, and no doubt the privilege that has been extended for so long would continue.

Coal Distribution

T. J. Fannon and Sons Ready to Give Free Coal to the Worthy Poor of the City

The Gazette has been advised by Thomas J. Fannon and Sons, coal dealers, that the soft coal they procured from the Southern Railway Company has been placed in their yards and is now ready for distribution to the poor of the city.

Mr. Fannon stated that he wants it perfectly clear that there are no strings attached to the procurement of the coal. Mr. Fannon will honor orders from any clergyman in this city, or from any representative of the relief or charitable organizations and these parties have been so notified. As to the matter of delivery of the soft coal, either the person giving the order or the recipient of the order will have to provide means of taking the coal away from the yard, as Mr. Fannon has not the facilities for delivering this additional coal.

Mr. Fannon, who alone was instrumental in procuring this coal, has been the recipient of considerable praise from the people of Alexandria for the interest he has taken in this relief step.

REVIVAL MEETING

The revival meeting that has been held at the Free Methodist Church, 424 South Lee street, the last six weeks, is still being continued this week. The results so far have been very gratifying and the interest continues good.

The Rev. R. W. Sanderson is a forceful speaker.

All who hear him consider him an unusual preacher. All are invited to take advantage of the opportunity of attending the meeting this week as it will probably be the last.

Mr. Atterbury's letter said he had suggested to the Railroad Labor Board that permission be granted enabling the carriers to use these prevailing rates as a minimum scale for railroad employment, but that the board decided on February 10 that this matter could be raised only as a result of negotiations between the roads and their employees.

To each individual carrier the letter left the determining of what the new wages should be, when they should be proposed and the names of the classes of employees to be affected.

The procedure of establishing new wages for unskilled labor, it continued, "must be in strict accordance with the Transportation act and decisions of the United States Labor Board."

HOOVER INVITED TO ENTER CABINET

Denby Tentatively Decided on For Navy Portfolio

THREE NOT ACCEPTED

Naming of Denby a Surprise—Hoover Storm Center—Two Live in Pittsburgh

St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 23.—President-elect Harding has reached a tentative decision on every place in his Cabinet. The names of Edwin Denby for Navy, Herbert Hoover for Commerce and James J. Davis for labor were added yesterday, filling the 10 portfolios.

Unless there are last minute changes the official circle of the next administration will be composed of these men:

Secretary of State—Charles Evans Hughes, of New York.

Secretary of the Treasury—Andrew W. Mellon, of Pennsylvania.

Secretary of War—John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts.

Attorney General—Harry M. Daugherty, of Ohio.

Postmaster General—Will H. Hays, of Indiana.

Secretary of the Navy—Edwin Denby, of Michigan.

Secretary of the Interior—Albert B. Fall, of New Mexico.

Secretary of Agriculture—Henry Wallace, of Iowa.

Secretary of Commerce—Herbert Hoover, of California.

Secretary of Labor—James J. Davis, of Pennsylvania and Illinois.

If changes are made they are most likely to affect the appointments for Navy, Commerce and Labor, all of which are understood to have come to the point of decision with in the last 24 hours.

In regard to none of these has there been an exchange of formal invitation and acceptance, but in every case the selections made by Mr. Harding are expected by his closest associates to stand.

Assignment of the Navy portfolio to Mr. Denby, who is a Detroit lawyer, furnished the first real surprise of the Cabinet situation, for his name had not been mentioned publicly in connection with the place until yesterday. It is understood that from the first he has been under consideration, however, and was held in reserve for just such a contingency as Mr. Harding faced last week when former Governor Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois, declined to be considered for the Navy Secretaryship.

It is expected that before the President-elect makes a formal tender to Mr. Denby he will call him into consultation and go over with him the naval problems of the coming administration. Yesterday Mr. Harding was in communication with some of the Michigan members of Congress regarding the appointment, and it is understood to have secured their approval.

Ever since the early days of the campaign Mr. Hoover's name has been one of the storm centers of the Cabinet list, many Republicans urging his appointment as Secretary of State, Interior, Commerce or Labor and many opposing it because of his decided stand in favor of the League of Nations. Whether he will accept the Commerce portfolio is not definitely known here, but the general expectation is that he will. A formal invitation is expected to go forward within a few hours.

The former food administrator was the first national figure with whom Mr. Harding conferred after his return to Washington from the Chicago convention last year, and later Mr. Hoover came to Marion among the first of the "best minds" to be called into consultation. Should he refuse to head a commission for the reorganization of the executive departments of the Government.

Regarding the labor portfolio also there has been a flood of recommendations and counter-recommendations with four available under serious consideration. It is understood that in the final lineup James D. Phelan, of Massachusetts, ranked close to Mr. Davis and should there be a change in that part of the slate Mr. Phelan would be the first to be named. (Continued on Page Four)

Honor Washington

Exercises Held at Xavier Brothers' School

At the Xavier Brothers' School appropriate exercises were held Monday in honor of George Washington. Through the kindness of M. J. McFarland, the school has been the recipient of a handsome American flag and staff.

The Junior Holy Name Society connected with the school will hold a social meeting at the Lyceum Hall tomorrow night.

A musical and literary program has been arranged.

Dr. F. C. Brady, of Boston, Mass., will give a lecture to the students next Wednesday. His subject will be "The American Boy."

The basketball team connected with the school is doing excellent work in the athletic field.

Unightly Poles

Telegraph Company Puts up Giant On King Street Which Mar Appearance of That Thoroughfare

The Western Union Telegraph Company is replacing its old poles on King street with massive tall and unsightly poles which greatly mar the appearance of King street.

Efforts should be made at once to have these poles taken off of King street. There are few business streets the size of Alexandria where poles are allowed. These poles are an eyesore to this street and it is up to the city council to get busy and see that all poles are taken off King street and all wires placed underground as these companies have to do elsewhere.

THIN ICE BREAKS

THREE BOYS DROWN

Muskegon, Mich., Feb. 23.—Three Muskegon Heights boys, playing "hooker" from school yesterday afternoon, drowned in Okla Lake, when they went through the thin ice. Russell Canning and Frank Kaskela, aged 14, first went down and Hugh Lener and John Howe started to their aid. They both went through the ice, but Howe managed to reach shore. His screams attracted workmen a half mile away, who rushed to the scene. A woman a mile across the lake saw the boys go down and telephoned to the police as the boys were still floundering in the water. All the bodies were recovered within one hour.

The boys decided to skip school yesterday afternoon, Howe said, and were going across the lake for home when they went down.

WILSON TO DEVOTE HIS LIFE TO PEACE

Washington, Feb. 23.—President Wilson expressed the determination yesterday to devote himself upon retirement, to private life to a continuation of his efforts toward world peace. In his first public utterance since the November election, the President, in receiving a delegation from the Woodrow Wilson Club of Harvard University at the White House, declared he had no intention of writing a history of the Paris Peace Conference. He added that was a task he preferred to leave to the professional historian, as the public might be prone to take into consideration the personal equation in any account of the peace proceedings he might write.

ATTACKS ON JAPANESE

Los Angeles, Feb. 23.—Two alleged attempts to destroy by the use of phosphorus bombs buildings occupied by Japanese have been made in the last two weeks, according to a report made public yesterday by Captain E. H. Enos, of the Bureau of Fire Prevention of the Fire Department. The report also contains the statement that Japanese have asked the Department of Justice to investigate and have considered asking the Japanese Consul here to take protective action.

PARIS REVELS IN SPRING

Paris, Feb. 23.—Paris is enjoying balmy, spring weather with bright sunshine, and leaves already are budding on the trees along the Boulevard. Men without overcoats and women without furs throng the Avenue des Champs Elysees in open taxicabs, automobiles and coaches.

The thermometer registered 75 degrees Fahrenheit at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

WATRES AGAIN HEADS MEMORIAL BODY

Revised Figures Show Temple Fund Now Totals \$700,000

DELEGATES LEAVE

C. H. Callahan is Chosen Trustee of George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

When complete reports were filed late yesterday afternoon just before the close of the eleventh annual convention of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, by the finance committee of that organization, it showed that the grand temple for the erection of the proposed temple to the memory of Washington the Mason had reached the sum of \$700,000. Of this amount the cash on hand is \$325,000 and the remainder in pledges. The members feel confident that by next February they will have in hand more than \$1,000,000. It is proposed to collect more than \$1,000,000 in order to provide a fund for the upkeep of the temple.

The election of officers to serve for the ensuing two years resulted as follows: Louis A. Watres, past grand master of Pennsylvania, president; James R. Johnson, past grand master of South Carolina, first vice president; James E. Dillon, past grand master of Michigan, second vice president; Harry G. Noyes, grand master of New Hampshire, third vice president; J. L. Catron, past grand master of Utah, fourth vice president; J. Claude Keiper, past grand master of the District of Columbia, secretary; John H. Covey, past grand master of Kentucky, secretary; Rev. Dr. W. J. Morton, Alexandria, Va., chaplain; J. E. W. Timberman, and J. Edward Shinn, of Alexandria, stewards; George W. Zachary, Alexandria, sentinel.

Trustees are: Judge R. T. W. Duke, Charlottesville, Va.; James H. Price, Richmond, Va.; Charles H. Callahan, Alexandria, Va.; Lawrence Lee, Alabama.

The board of directors chosen follows: Melvin M. Johnson, past grand master, Massachusetts; W. L. Daniels, past grand master, New Jersey; W. S. Fafner, past grand master, New York; George A. Schoonover, past grand master, Iowa; W. L. Stowell, past grand master, North Dakota; A. L. Randall, grand master, Texas; L. A. Watres, past grand master, Pennsylvania; Charles E. Homer, past grand master, Maryland; George M. Napier, past grand master, Georgia.

This session of the association was one of the most successful in its history, both financially and otherwise. The large amount collected during the past year was the source of gratification to all of the members and to local members of the fraternity and especially to Charles H. Callahan, of this city, who for the past eleven years had been untiring in his efforts to see the necessary funds collected in order that the work soon may be started.

It is believed that sufficient funds will be at hand next year to begin the work of erecting the temple in a year more. As heretofore stated in The Gazette the site of the proposed temple is George Washington Park.

Yields Total Of \$115.

Cherry Day For Playgrounds a Success

The sum of \$115 was realized yesterday from the sale of artificial cherries for the benefit of the Children's Playground. There was a generous response on the part of the public toward this cause. The committee in charge also had the cherries sold at Mount Vernon.

Members of the committee say that they need a total of \$300 to pay teachers to instruct the children in playing during two months this summer. The association never solicits funds and propose to raise the remainder by entertainments to be given in the near future.

Bible Class Social

Westminster Members Enjoy Get-together Meeting

The Westminster Men's Bible Class of the Second Presbyterian Church had a get-together meeting and social Monday evening in the Westminster Building when 100 men were present.

An interesting program was rendered, the principal address was delivered by Walter L. Stockwell, of Fargo, North Dakota, who spoke in the place of Congressman W. E. Andrews, being detained by sickness.

Mr. Stockwell spoke on the power of love and service and made a fine address.

Glenn L. Justice, teacher of the class, also made a short and instructive address.

Among others who took part were members of the Players' Club, Miss Nina Fulton, vocal solo; Miss Hilda Schneider and Milton Stennell, in a dialogue; Magnus Bales in a monologue, assisted by Everett James and Emmett Lawler; a vocal solo by Miss Martha Lee Allison; a vocal duet by Mr. Grow and Miss Evelyn Howard; quartet by Misses Graves and Howard, Wilmer Scott and Mr. Grow; Music was also furnished by the Citizens' Band.

Mrs. Walter Piser was pianist. Malcolm Brenner, president of the class, presided and refreshments were served by a committee of ladies.

Bible Class Banquet

J. Fred Birrell, Rev. Dr. D. H. Marbury and Chas. Pierpoint Speakers

The Asbury Bible Class of Trinity M. E. Church held its first annual banquet last night in the lecture room of the church. President Robert Lucas, III, presided, and after all the good things, provided by the wives, daughters and sweethearts of the members of the class, were disposed of, introduced the speaker of the evening, Hon. J. Fred Birrell, who for an hour made a most interesting address on Gen. George Washington, as a citizen of Alexandria. Frequently during the address the large number of young people present applauded the speaker for the sentiment expressed by him. He was followed by Rev. Dr. D. H. Martin, the pastor, in a humorous and witty speech.

Chas. Pierpoint, superintendent of the Sunday School also gave an interesting and instructive speech. The class has made wonderful progress in the past three months, adding a total of 60 members to its roll. The following are the officers of the class:

President, Rev. T. Lucas, 3rd, first vice president, George H. Haydel, second vice president, William Carroll, third vice president, H. Embury, secretary, William Langley, assistant secretary, Leo Lyons, treasurer, Compton Allstock, chairman of committee Peter Hoy.

At 10:45 o'clock the banquet was brought to a close, every one present voting unanimously that the first banquet a great success.

Fans To Attend

Big Blowout to McBride Tomorrow Night

A large delegation of Alexandria baseball fans will be expected to attend the banquet to George McBride tomorrow night at the Wardman Park Hotel, Washington. All who expect to attend are supposed to notify some of the leaders in this city otherwise seats cannot be provided for them at the banquet table. Representatives from all the athletic clubs here will send over delegations and other fans not identified with any clubs also are going to attend.

How They Celebrated

Jump Steady And Wife Beater Hauled in by Police on Washington's Birthday

There are different ways of celebrating George Washington's birthday. Most everybody takes a holiday. Some want "jump steady." Two got it, and they got pinched in different parts of the city for being drunk by Sergeants Wilkinson and Campbell and when their names were called this morning they forfeited \$5 each. A third man, arrested by Policemen Lawrence Padgett and Newland, celebrated the day by beating his better half. He failed to appear and \$20 collateral left was declared forfeited.

LODGE GETS GAVEL FROM HISTORIC ELM

From Tree at Cambridge, Mass., Where Washington Took Oath

ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Accepted on Behalf of Alexandria Washington Lodge by P. E. Clift and Response by Dr. Allison

A gavel made from wood of the famous elm tree at Cambridge, Mass., where Gen. Washington took the oath of office when he assumed command of the American army of the revolution was presented to Alexandria Washington Lodge of Masons last night at the annual George Washington birthday celebration of that lodge held in the auditorium of the KM's Home. A speech of presentation was made by Fred W. Dellinger of Massachusetts and it was formally accepted by Percy E. Clift, worshipful master of the local lodge, who presided over the exercises and Rev. Dr. John Lee Allison, chaplain of the local lodge, made a speech of acceptance for that lodge. The gavel will be placed in the lodge's museum and will be among its treasured relics.

During the evening speeches were made by J. S. Bottmeyer, grand master of Masons in Virginia; Hollis L. Cameron, master of L. O. G. T. G. Beverly, Mass.; Charles Constock, past grand master, Tennessee; an past grand master Briggs of Missouri. On behalf of the local lodge Samuel W. Pits presented a copy of "Washington the Man and the Mason" to J. S. Bottmeyer, grand master of masons in Virginia.

A musical program was given and selections were furnished by S. I. Hunter's Orchestra of Washington. A vocal solo was given by Mrs. S. B. Fowler and there was a vocal duet by Mrs. S. B. Fowler and Miss Esther Schmel and a recitation was given by A. J. Rhodes. The singers were accompanied by Sherman B. Fowler.

Attending the affair was a large gathering of Masons of all degrees, together with most of the delegates who attended the annual meeting of the memorial association.

Musical Tea

Program Saturday for Near East Relief Fund

The Alexandria Branch of the Near East Relief will give a musical tea Saturday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock, at 601 Duke street, for the benefit of this city's quota to that fund.

Miss Hilda Schneider is in charge of the program, and unusually fine musical numbers will be offered. The affair will be in charge of the local committee of the Near East Relief, assisted by Mrs. Richard E. Acton and Mrs. Sherman B. Fowler. A silver offering will be taken.

A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Income Is Cut

Southern Railway Co.'s Revenue \$498,218 Less in Feb. 1921 Than in February 1920

A further falling off in gross operating revenue for the second week of February was reported by the Southern Railway system. Gross income for the period amounted to \$3,290,941, which is a reduction of \$487,218 from the corresponding week of 1920. From Jan. 1 to Feb. 14, 1921, gross revenue amounted to \$21,085,170, which was smaller than for the corresponding period of 1920 by \$1,801,772.

The Mobile and Ohio, a subsidiary of the Southern Railway, reported a gross income of \$376,005 for the second week of this month, a gain of \$30,582. From Jan. 1, 1921, to date gross income was \$2,428,036, an increase of \$295,716 over the corresponding period of last year.

HIGHEST BIDDER

During week of February 23 takes Buick Coupelet used car, at the Aero-Auto Company, Inc., 1191 King St. Look it over.



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TO-DAY'S THOUGHT. Some things are of that nature as to make one's fancy chuckle, while his heart doth ache.
John Bunyan

Public Schools. It has been rumored recently that our High School is not an accredited institution among the higher colleges in the South. It has also been stated that our High School graduates do not measure up to the standard of those of other cities. These statements, proceeding only from ignorance, reflect on the fair fame of Alexandria.

We are glad today, to be able to put a quietus on these baseless rumors, once for all. We are in receipt of the "High School Quarterly," which is the official organ of the Southern Commission on Accredited Schools, as well as of the National High School Inspectors Association. The Report of the Southern Commission on Accredited Schools is very informative, and of course, unquestionably correct. The Alexandria High School is reported on as one of the accredited schools. Out of 11 entrances to college, only 12 per cent of individual failures occurred. The Alexandria Episcopal High School is reported as having 33 per cent. The Appomattox High School has 67 per cent. The Newport News High School has 27 per cent. The Norfolk Maury High School has 40 per cent. The Richmond John Marshall High School has 18 per cent. The Richmond McGuire School has 20 per cent. And so on.

The fact is, that our own High School ranks number four out of a total of twenty-nine reported from all over the state. The average of individual failures for the State of Virginia was 23 per cent. The percentages range from 4 per cent for the Lexington High School to 80 per cent for the Wytheville High School.

The percentages among the Southern States are also given, and quite instructive. Florida leads the list with only 6 per cent of individual failures. Next comes Kentucky, with 7 per cent. Texas ranks third, with 10 per cent. Alabama, fourth, with 11 per cent. Then Louisiana fifth, with 12 per cent. Next in order come Arkansas, Mississippi, and North Carolina, with 13 per cent. Then Tennessee, with 14 per cent; Georgia, with 17 per cent; South Carolina with 19 per cent; and Virginia, last, with 23 per cent of individual failures in the higher institutions of learning. We are, indeed, proud of this record. We are fourth in the Virginia list, and there are only five states

ahead of us in their general average out of a total of twelve reported.

These facts are incontrovertible, and we are glad to have our recent editorial on our public schools, thus confirmed and approved by the record.

Our National Guard. We call attention to a letter from Lieutenant Shepperson in today's paper. The subject is quite important to Alexandrians. We urge upon our City Council the expediency of measures for the restoration of our armory to its legitimate purposes. All argument points emphatically toward the maintenance and encouragement of a military organization at home. We believe our City Fathers will concur in the suggestions made, as they are certainly broad-gauged and patriotic enough to see their wisdom and advantage to the city.

We likewise believe that there are among our people a goodly number who will be glad to avail themselves of the law which authorizes the enrolment of a contributing membership. Time was, when Alexandria's military organizations were the flower of proud Virginia. At those brave days again return, and let our patriotic young men have the moral and financial support which they richly merit. We trust our readers will endorse our sentiments and lend such aid as is in their power.

That Hearing

The Interstate Commerce Commission will hear argument in the Washington, Virginia Ry. vs. the People of Alexandria on Friday morning, 10 o'clock, at their rooms, 18th and Pennsylvania Ave., Washington. Every man, woman and child is urged to attend. Your friends will be there and need your presence. The argument will be interesting and illuminative. Come!

A LEGACY OF WASHINGTON'S

(Communicated)
When The Father of his Country died, among his bequests was a sum for the establishment of a free school in Alexandria. In those days education was not regarded as the prerogative of everyone, and this legacy of Washington showed him indeed as a man of vision, forshadowing a great state institution. It was many years before public schools became part of the educational system of the state. Established at first to meet the needs of a particular group, they are now used by all, and as such deserve the careful consideration of all the people.

There are no more inspiring words in the constitution of Virginia than "That all power is vested in, and consequently derived from the people." It was doubtless with this in mind, that the framers of the code of school laws made it a duty of the school board "To call meetings of the people of the city for consultation in regard to the school interests thereof." It would have been without precedent, but doubtless of benefit, if the school board had called such a meeting before submitting their recommendation to Council for an appropriation of \$110,000, with which to increase the seating capacity of the schools. It was their duty to make recommendation regarding this matter, for it is stated in No. 14. "It shall be the duty of the school board to submit to the council in writing what funds will be needed for the proper maintenance and growth of the public schools of the city." The recommendation for the \$110,000 related only to growth, there was no mention of proper maintenance—a question of equally vital importance. Should council agree to the approp-

riation asked, it is quite permissible for them to raise the money, at least in part, by additional taxation; a majority of the voters at the November election having authorized an increased assessment for school purposes. But it is quite within the rights of the people to know what improvements in the school system are contemplated by the school board.

Under the law, it is the duty of the school board "To determine the studies to be pursued, the methods of teaching, and government employed at the school." It is the privilege of the electorate to know what improvements are planned. Are the schools to have a laboratory properly equipped and a capable instructor? Is there to be an arrangement for the teaching of dietetics? The county schools have such a course, the need for it is quite as great here. Manual training has become almost a necessity. Is such a course contemplated?

It was quite within the province of the board at their recent meeting, that they should have complied with the demand of the teachers and recommended an increase in salaries, but it furthermore the duty of the board "To appoint teachers from a list of eligibles to be furnished by the superintendent, provided, that no school board shall employ or pay any teacher from public funds unless the teacher shall hold a certificate in full force, according to provisions of sec. 688." And it is also the duty of the board "To visit the public schools and to take care that they are conducted with the utmost efficiency."

Furthermore it would be interesting to those who have the welfare of the public schools of the city at heart, to know the stand of the city school board on the Smith-Towner bill. Standing fifth from the bottom in literacy as Virginia does, and with the great number of children in Alexandria attending no school, the citizens of the city are naturally interested in any effort to ameliorate these conditions. The Smith-Towner bill is a means towards this end, and educators generally are working for its passage.

Rose M. MacDonald.

Senate Again Boosts Army to 175,000 Men For Coming Year

Washington, Feb. 23.—An army of an average strength of 175,000 for the next fiscal year was provided in appropriations approved yesterday by the Senate Subcommittee on Military Affairs in completing its report on the army appropriation bill for presentation to the full committee. This strength compares with an average of 160,000 as provided for in the bill as passed by the House.

The bill as reported by the Senate subcommittee provides \$7,500,000 for aviation, compared with \$4,000,000 favored by the House. Of this increase \$3,000,000 would be used in purchasing new planes and equipment. An increase also was made for vocational training, the total being \$2,500,000, as compared with \$1,000,000 adopted by the House.

Substantial provision is also made for the National Guard, based on assurances, committee members said, that the guard next year would number 125,000 men.

The subcommittee report will be submitted to the full committee today. It is expected the bill will be reported to the Senate without further delay.

THIEF RETURNS BIG BOND

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 23.—A regretful note accompanied a \$25,000 Liberty bond returned through the mail yesterday to the Clement D. Gates Company, stock brokers, from which it had been stolen.

"It's too big to handle safely," the robber said, but he kept two smaller stolen bonds.

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Men's \$3.50 to \$4.50 flannel shirts, collars attached, Remnant price Thursday \$1.50

Men's regular \$1.50, gray, spring weight undershirts and drawers, all sizes. Remnant price Thursday each 75c

Men's \$3.00 heavy fleece lined union suits size 40, 42, 44, and 46. Remnant price Thurs. each \$1.00

Men's \$2.00 Lambsdown fleece lined under shirts and drawers. Remnant price Thurs. each \$1.25

Men's \$1.50 High Rock fleece lined undershirts and drawers. Remnant price Thursday each 89c

One lot men's \$1. fancy shirts, with soft cuffs all sizes. Remnant price Thursday each 79c

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One lot men's \$3.00 Adler's tan kid gloves. Remnant price Thursday each \$1.50

One lot men's \$1.25 heavy ribbed undershirts and drawers. Remnant price Thursday, each 79c

Men's \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00 Hansens and Carharts work gauntlets. Remnant price Thursday pair \$2.50

One lot men's \$1.50 fancy shirts, collars attached, size 14-1-2 only. Remnant price Thursday each 79c

One lot men's 20c rubber collars, Remnant price Thursday each 10c

One lot men's \$1.50 and \$2.00 knit ties. Remnant price Thursday each 75c

2 dozen men's \$1.50 leather work gauntlets. Remnant price Thursday-pair 98c

One lot men's 75c wool hose. Remnant price Thursday pair 49c

Men's \$2.00 fancy wool sport hose, Remnant price Thursday pair \$1.25

One lot men's \$2.00 heavy wool scarfs. Remnant price Thursday each 98c

One lot men's \$2.95 part wool sweaters. V neck and collars attached. Remnant price Thursday \$1.49

One lot boy's \$1.50 khaki pants. Remnant price Thursday each 98c

Boy's \$1.50 fancy blouses. Remnant price Thursday each 98c

One lot boys \$1.50 and \$2.00 fancy shirts. Remnant price Thursday each \$1.00

One lot boy's \$1.50 fancy shirts, collars attached. Remnant price Thursday each 98c

One lot boys \$1.00 fancy blouses. Remnant price Thursday each 69c

Boy's \$2.00 and \$2.50 fancy and white madras pajamas, all sizes. Remnant price Thursday ea \$1.00

Boy's \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00 fleece lined union suits, all sizes. Remnant price Thurs each 98c

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One lot boy's \$3.50 sweaters. Remnant price Thursday each \$1.75

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Children's \$1.50 outing sleeping garments. Remnant price 59c

Women's \$2.50 silk and wool knit underskirts. Remnant price Thursday \$1.49

Children's \$1.25 union suits, Remnant price Thursday each 65c

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Women's \$1.00 winter vests and pants, Remnant price Thursday 50c

Women's 75c Burson hose, Remnant price Thursday, pair 50c

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Children's \$2.00 to \$3.98 tam o' shanters, Remnant price Thursday \$1.00

Children's 35c knit underwaists, small sizes, Remnant price 18c

Children's \$2.50 to \$3.98 winter hats, Remnant price Thursday \$1.00

Children's 85c winter vests and pants, Remnant price Thursday 43c

Women's \$1.98 knit underskirts. Remnant price Thursday \$1.25

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Women's \$2.00 winter union suits. Remnant price Thursday \$1.00

Misses \$1.50 and \$1.75 winter union suits, Remnant price Thursday 75c

Women's \$3.50 knit underskirts, Remnant price Thursday \$1.98

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To Alexandria Gazette:

Alexandria, Va.

Effective March 1st a new schedule will be put in operation on the Mount Vernon division of the Washington-Virginia Railway Company. This schedule will give, on week days, hourly service between Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon and intermediate points and fifteen minute service between Washington, Alexandria and intermediate points. On Sundays and holidays between Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon and intermediate points hourly service. Between Washington, Alexandria and intermediate points twenty minute service. This we believe will be of great benefit to the patrons of the road between Alexandria and Washington as it gives them four cars an hour instead of three as at the present time. The running time will also be reduced between Washington and Alexandria from thirty-five to thirty minutes. Trailer operation will be discontinued on all trains except during rush hour periods, both morning and evening, and on such Mount Vernon trains whose patronage requires the extra car.

Owing to the fact that trailers will be used only on heavily loaded trains all smoking privileges will be withdrawn. This is necessary to place the full capacity and accommodation of the trains at the service of all patrons of the road, some of whom now, on account of comfort and health cannot patronize the car when used as a smoker, and which has a tendency to over-load the front car. It is also done to conform with the wishes of the Board of Health and numerous patrons of our road and to promote a cleanly and sanitary condition in our cars.

We trust that this new schedule will meet with co-operation and approval of our patrons on the Mount Vernon division.

Very truly yours,
M. G. STRATTON,
General Manager

EIGHT KILLED AS TROLLEYS COLLIDE

Shelton, Conn., Feb. 23.—Eight persons were killed and 25 injured yesterday afternoon when two trolley cars collided head on on the Bridgeport-Shelton line, near High Bridge, in the southern part of Shelton.

The collision occurred about 500 feet south of a switch, when both cars were traveling at a fair rate of speed. Witnesses said there was a loud report immediately following the crash and flames burst out in the wreckage where the two cars were buckled together.

There was said to have been a five gallon can of gasoline in the front vestibule of the Bridgeport-bound car. Only five persons were in the northbound car and all were able to get out safely. The southbound car, going to Bridgeport, had about 25 passengers on board. The Goldberg children were seated in the front seat of the car and were caught in the first impact of the fire.

Air Mail Pilot Killed
Trying to Set Record

San Francisco, Feb. 23.—Captain W. F. Lewis, air mail service pilot on the Reno to Salt Lake leg in the attempt to establish a record for rapid delivery between San Francisco and New York was killed yesterday at

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Elko, Nevada, when his plane fell, according to advices received here.

Captain Lewis was piloting one of the two planes which left San Francisco at 4.30 a. m. He took charge of the plane at Reno.

The message to air mail service headquarters here said that Captain Lewis' machine in taking off from Elko, went into a tail spin and crashed to the ground.

Captain Lewis served in the American air forces during the war and had been in the air mail service about two months.

"Loud Speaker" to Aid Harding at Inaugural

Washington, Feb. 23.—After having been at work for a month on the apparatus expert engineers of the Bell telephone system announced yesterday that the "Loud Speaker" that is to carry President-elect Harding's voice far out over the audience will be in perfect working order when he delivers his inaugural address March Fourth.

It is said that the instrument will carry clearly every word of Mr. Harding's address for considerably more than a block. The machinery is concealed in three rooms while the huge horns through which the speech will be heard are made into the roof of the speaker's stand. Small transmitters will be placed at the front and sides, so that in whatever direction Mr. Harding turns his voice will be caught.

The working of the "Loud Speaker" requires a crew as large as that of a small vessel to watch over its details while the inaugural is being made.

Head of Black and Tans

Is Forced to Resign

London, Feb. 23.—The reign of the Black and Tans in Ireland is coming to an end. It was announced yesterday that Brigadier-General Crozier, the commandant of the military division of the R. I. C. (the Black and Tans) and his adjutant, Captain McFee, have resigned. However, a high official in the Irish government said the resignations were asked for and that the move means there will be an entire change in the Irish policy.

It is declared that General Crozier has been the man held responsible for the lack of discipline in the Black and Tan organization. A successor has not been appointed and it is likely that none will be, it being believed that the command will be transferred either to the chief of the regular army or to the regular police.

It is known that General Macready, the commander-in-chief of the forces in Ireland, has been deeply dissatisfied with the policy of the Black and Tans and he has expressed himself forcibly on all occasions about their actions.

Hoover Invited To Cabinet

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Duncan may go in. One of the considerations that has been urged against Mr. Davis is that although he lives at Moose Heart, Ill., national headquarters of the Moose fraternity, his principal business interests are in Pittsburgh, which also is the home of Mr. Mellon. It is understood, however, that Mr. Harding has no sympathy for the

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argument that it would be a mistake to pick two Cabinet officials from one town.

All three of the appointments now lacking formal consummation are expected to be definitely established within a day or two, but it is not probable that the President-elect will make any more positive announcements on the subject until inauguration day. He already has made known officially his choice of Mr. Hughes and Mr. Daugherty, but he has told his friends that he sees no reason for announcing the others now. This view is understood to have the concurrence of Mr. Daugherty, who held another long conference with his chief yesterday before departing for the North.

Mr. Harding also let it be known yesterday that he expects to leave subordinate appointments within the executive departments to the respective Cabinet members, whom he proposes in turn to hold responsible for selecting an efficient department personnel. Commenting on the selection of Henry P. Fletcher, of Pennsylvania, for Under Secretary of State, he said he was leaving that and similar State Department appointments to Mr. Hughes.

New York, Feb. 23.—Herbert Hoover said here last night he had discussed with President-elect Harding, over the telephone, the acceptance of a Cabinet post offered to him. Mr. Hoover's statement follows:

"It is true that Senator Harding and I have had a conversation over the telephone yesterday evening as to my accepting a post in the Cabinet. Naturally these are matters requiring consideration, and equally they are not matters for me to discuss now."

Mr. Hoover, who was seen in a box at the Metropolitan Opera House, where he was attending a benefit performance for European relief, declined to discuss the subject further.

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Earthquake Killed Thousands; Villages in China Engulfed

London, Feb. 22.—The destruction by the Chinese earthquake on Tuesday 16 covered an area of 10,000 square miles in four provinces, according to information received by the London Times from the China Relief Mission. The province of Fuhai was the greatest sufferer; in some places nearly half the houses were destroyed.

Probably many thousands were killed; landslides buried whole villages and hundreds of persons were injured.

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HEAD OF L. & N. RAILROAD VICTIM OF HEART DISEASE

Louisville, Feb. 20.—The death here yesterday afternoon of Milton H. Smith, president of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, removed the oldest active president of an important railroad in the United States, according to best available information. He also was considered the last of the old school of executives. Mr. Smith, who was in his eighty-fifth year, succumbed to a heart attack, with which he had been suffering for several months. He had been president of the Louisville and Nashville since 1891.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at noon and, in accordance with his special request, will be very quiet. The stoppage of all trains for a brief period, customary as a mark of respect for deceased officials, has been eliminated. Mr. Smith's request. His survivors, the widow, two daughters, Mrs. Thomas J. Felder and Mrs. Robin Cooper, of Nashville, Tenn., and two sons, Sydney and Milton H., Jr., with a few associates and friends only, will attend the funeral.

PARTY'S EX-CHIEF TAKEN BY DEATH

Greenwich, Conn., Feb. 23.—William P. McCombs, former chairman of the Democratic National Committee, died here yesterday following a six weeks' illness of heart disease. McCombs was manager of the national campaign which resulted in the nomination and election of President Wilson in 1912 and was national chairman of the party from that year until 1916. He had been in poor health for several months, but his illness was not regarded as critical until six weeks ago. His two sisters were with him when he died. The body was taken to New York City late yesterday when funeral arrangements were to be made. Born in Hamburg, Ark., in 1875, McCombs studied law at Princeton and Harvard and began practicing in New York in 1901. After his successful management of the 1912 campaign he was offered the Ambassadorship to France but declined it.

DENOUNCE DEBS SECLUSION

Chicago, Feb. 23.—A statement denouncing the Department of Justice and President Wilson, because it was alleged E. V. Debs, in the Atlanta Federal prison, had been denied writing and visiting privileges, was issued yesterday by Socialist Party headquarters. The statement said it was presumed that the order, which "extends even to his weekly letter to his wife," was issued at the instance of the President.

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ALEXANDRIA ARMORY

Important Letter From Acting Commander National Guard

Editor, The Gazette:

The Alexandria Light Infantry, it will be remembered, was reorganized by Captain Louis N. Duffey following reports of a threatened attempt to "burn Alexandria" by negroes from Washington. The reports of expected trouble served to emphasize the need of Alexandria for an efficient military organization, properly armed and equipped. The new company was organized as a unit of the Federal National Guard and was accepted as such July 26th last. The State authorities immediately began shipping uniforms, arms and equipment here, so that now we have a company of 65 members equipped exactly as are the regular army organizations. They have service rifles and Browning automatic rifles, with 40,000 rounds of ammunition; they have winter uniforms and summer uniforms, overcoats and raincoats, underwear, both winter and summer, shoes for parade and shoes for field wear, in short, all the equipment of a regular army soldier, including tentage and cooking ranges. The value of this property runs into the thousands of dollars.

The armory, which is the property of the city of Alexandria, has been used for various purposes, including that of a rooming house for shipyard employees, until it has almost lost its resemblance to a military structure. It has been leased as a skating rink and athletic hall for more than a year, and since the organization of the company has been available for military purposes only in a limited way.

It is sincerely to be hoped that as soon as the present lease expires, on March 15, the city authorities will lose no time in remodeling the armory and placing it in condition for military use. The company has used funds supplied by the State in making temporary repairs, but in its present condition the building is a plain invitation for thieves to break in and steal. Already two robberies have occurred and have been duly reported to the police and to the Department of Justice, but no trace of the property has been found.

In order to attract and hold the interest of the members of the company the armory should be made an attractive place, with some club features, and it is primarily for this purpose that the State supplies a small sum annually. The adjutant general of Virginia has recently written to the company commander suggesting that:

"Effort should be made to take advantage of the law which authorizes the enlistment of 30 contributing members at \$25.00 each, and this should appeal to the business men of Alexandria, both from a patriotic point of view and as a business proposition, inasmuch as contributing membership exempts them from jury duty."

The money derived from such contributing membership would be at the disposal of the company without any restrictions, and could be used to supplement the repairs to be made to the armory by the city. An adequate heating plant should be installed by the city, the only heat at present comes from two stoves in one end of the drill hall. Lockers are required for the men to store their equipment, and steel lockers should be provided. Athletic equipment and shower baths and a reading room could be installed and would appeal to the members.

Other cities in the State smaller than Alexandria have come forward and given both moral and financial support to their National Guard companies, and if the public-spirited citizens of Alexandria will get behind a movement to support the Light Infantry, a company can and will be maintained that will be a matter of pride as well as a necessary measure of protection to the lives and property of our citizens. Alexandria deserves a high rank among the cities of the State boasting of efficient military organizations.

It is hoped that the business men of Alexandria will avail themselves of the opportunity to become contributing members, as a matter of patriotism and of local pride, as well as a business proposition for those who cannot well spare the time for jury duty. Certificates will be issued which, under the laws of Virginia must exempt them from this duty if so desired.

C. M. Shepperson,

1st Lieut., Virginia Infantry, National Guard.

(Temporary Company Commander.)

WOMAN SOUGHT IN \$1,600,000 THEFT

Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 23.—Postoffice inspectors investigating the robbery of the Toledo postoffice last Thursday, yesterday declared the loot stolen by the five bandits probably would amount to approximately \$1,600,000.

The federal officials said that the estimate of \$1,600,000 was unofficial, as the stolen mail has not yet been completely checked up. Police say at least \$35,000 in cash was in the six registered pouches taken by the robbers. The rest consisted mostly of registered liberty bonds, which the authorities say the bandits will have difficulty in negotiating.

Joseph and Frank Urbatis, brothers, and Joseph Culbert, who were arrested in connection with the robbery, pleaded not guilty before a United States commissioner here yesterday afternoon and were held under bonds of \$25,000 each. They will be given a preliminary hearing Friday morning.

Police and postoffice inspectors in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois are on the hunt for Wanda Urbatis, sister of two of the suspects in the postoffice robbery.

The woman was known to have left the city with Joe Urbatis and Joe Culbert, the two suspects arrested at Elkhart, Ind., on their way to Chicago. The woman is thought to have locked herself in a compartment of the train. Another view taken by the police is that she may have left the train before reaching Elkhart.

Chicago police were furnished with a Chicago address to which the woman may have gone if she continued her journey to Elkhart. The Urbatis woman is said by police to have been carrying a black bag which may have contained a portion of the loot. It was said yesterday that some of the plunder may have been shipped to Chicago. Police there have been asked to inspect all packages from Toledo.

Attorneys for the Urbatis brothers last night were said to be preparing to ask for a writ of habeas corpus when the courts reopen today.

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Miss Hobbs is the name of the play to be presented by the Senior Class of the Alexandria High School, and will be given March 10th, 11th, and 12th.

"Miss Hobbs" is a four-act comedy, by the famous playwright Jerome K. Jerome, which met with great success on Broadway and in London adapted to the screen.

Seats may be obtained from any member of the Senior Class.

Reserved seats for sale only at THE MUSIC SHOP, 614 KING STREET.

AUCTION SALE OF HANDSOME ROSEMONT RESIDENCE

By virtue of a deed of trust, dated April 15, 1920, recorded in Deed Book 70, page 545, from Frank J. Anderson and wife to the undersigned trustee to secure the payment of a certain note there in described, default having been made in the payment of said note, the undersigned trustee, at the request of the holder thereof will offer for sale at public auction at the Royal Street entrance to the Market Building, on SATURDAY, February 26, at TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON, the following lot of ground, with the building and improvements thereon, described as Lot numbered Twenty (20) Section numbered Five (5) Rosemont, as the same is shown in a plat there of, duly recorded in Deed Book 68, page 609 of the land records of Alexandria City, Virginia.

The property will be sold subject to a lien of a first deed of trust of Sixty-Five Hundred Dollars \$6,500.00. Terms of sale, CASH, conveying at the cost of the purchaser.

Howard W. Smith, Trustee.

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CORRECTION INFERENCE ABOUT WASHINGTON'S TOMB

Philadelphia, Feb. 23.—George Step-ton Washington, a descendant of a brother of George Washington, who made an address last night at Nazareth, Pa., yesterday corrected the inference drawn from his words that the descendants of George Washington desired to bar the public from visiting the tombs of George and Martha Washington.

What Mr. Washington really said, he declared, was that the burial grounds was not a part of Mount Vernon but belonged to the family and could at any time be closed to the public, although the subject had never been discussed and no doubt the privilege that has been extended for so long would continue.

"Personally, I think the public should be permitted to see the resting place of our first President," said Mr. Washington. "My statement was misunderstood, that is all."

PLAN \$25,000,000 RAILROAD

Northern Financiers Consider New Line in Coal Regions

Roanoke, Va., Feb. 23.—Preliminary surveys will be started soon on a railroad between Pineville, Ky., and Williamson, W. Va., a distance of 150 miles, to cost approximately \$25,000,000, according to a report reaching here yesterday.

The new road, it is understood, will leave the Cumberland Valley division of the Louisville and Nashville and pass through Leslie, Perry, Letcher, Knox, Floyd and Pike counties, Kentucky, and join the Norfolk and Western Railway at Williamson. Northern and eastern financiers, it is said, are behind the project. Leslie and Knox counties now have no railroads. The road, it is said, would cross the North Fork branch of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, and pass through the Elkhorn fields at Hazard, Ky., on the Chesapeake and Ohio.

Another line between Lynch, Ky., and Wise, Va., passing through undeveloped timber and coal lands, a distance of 20 miles, is under consideration, according to a report.

TIRED, GLAD TO QUIT, A. M. PALMER ADMITS

Stroudsburg, Pa., Feb. 23.—"I have now been in public life and more or less actively in public service since 1906. I must admit that I am pretty tired. Now my term of office is speeding to an end, and I will soon be released from public duties. I am counting the days until it arrives and the responsibilities and duties of office with all that the words imply can be honorably laid down."

Such were the sentiments expressed by Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer to friends in Stroudsburg yesterday.

Mr. Palmer will retain his handsome home in Stroudsburg. The Attorney General has rented a suite of offices in the Munsey Building, Washington, and his associated four eminent lawyers of the District of Columbia with him. He will open his new office March 10.

WOMAN WHO KEPT SINGLE NOT MENTIONED IN WILL

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 23.—Patrick Kallagher, wealthy Memphis land owner,

made no mention of Miss Mollie Quirk, of Milwaukee, in his last will, made shortly before his death in 1912, according to testimony in Federal Court here yesterday by S. J. Shepherd, trust officer for the Bank of Commerce and Trust Company. Shepherd was called as a witness for the defense in the trial of Miss Quirk's suit to obtain the bulk of the \$600,000 estate left by Kallagher, and his bank, as administrator of the Kallagher estate, is a defendant in the suit.

Miss Quirk testified that under an agreement reached between herself and Kallagher, when parental objection prevented their marriage almost 30 years ago, she was to have inherited the major part of his fortune in return for her promise not to marry during his lifetime.

FEARS GROWTH OF CONTROL

Washington, Feb. 23.—The drift toward centralization of Government with the steadily growing tax on the people was denounced in the House yesterday by Representative Campbell, Republican, of Kansas, who was designated to deliver the Washington's Birthday address.

The Kansas representative declared it would be difficult to enumerate all of the departments, bureaus and commissions created since Washington's time to exercise "bureaucratic authority and paternal guardianship over the people."

"There is no activity, business, social domestic condition that is not the object of their supervision, their solicitude or their authority," he said. "Over 800,000 civilian employees make up the army that oversees and directs the affairs of the people and assumes guardianship over them. Government agents and inspectors go merrily on. Government control is the remedy for every ill, and Government regulation the source of every good."

"The people pay all the expenses of this complicated machinery of Government, that has its agents looking over the shoulders of every business man and directing the affairs of every citizen."

GAINED FIFTY POUNDS AFTER TYPHOID FEVER

Mrs. C. E. Bragg Overjoyed By The Way Tanlac Restored Her Strength and Weight.

"I was down in bed as helpless as a baby when I began taking Tanlac, but by the time I had finished my third bottle I was walking around and now am enjoying absolutely perfect health," said Mrs. C. E. Bragg, 401 Lynn Street, Danville, Va.

"I was down in bed for a long time with fever, and was so weak I couldn't even turn over. I wasn't able to take any nourishment at all, hardly and I had fallen off so much in weight that it frightened me to even think about it. Why, I was nothing more than a mere shadow of what I used to be and just did have the strength to move my hands about a little."

"My right leg was swollen from my knee down to my foot. It was hard for me to breathe, my nerves were

LOST \$10,824 IN LIQUOR PLOT

Chicago Saloon Keeper Testifies Two Policemen Had Part in Deal

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Morris Joy, a West Side saloon keeper, yesterday told the Court his story of the alleged \$200,000 Chicago-Louisville liquor conspiracy in which he said he lost \$10,824, a diamond pin, a watch and other valuables.

Despite objections of counsel for the defense, Joy testified that arrangements for distributing the carload of liquor were made in Nathaniel Perlman's saloon, and he named among those present Timothy Judge and Edward Smale, both policemen. Joy said his truckload of liquor was held up and that he and his partner were robbed of their personal effects. He testified Smale was one of the party which held up the truck.

Two dozen Louisville and Chicago men are defendants in the case.

TO RULE ON WIFE'S INCOME

Attorney General Will Decide Millions in Taxes in Seven States

Washington, Feb. 23.—Right of the Government to the collection of millions of dollars in surtaxes in seven States, Treasury officials said yesterday, hinges on the decision to be rendered by the Attorney General on the division of property between husband and wife for income tax purposes under community laws.

In Idaho, Nevada, California, Washington, Oregon, Louisiana and New Mexico officials explained a certain portion of the property acquired after marriage is held in common. Therefore, under a joint income tax return by husband and wife the surtax would apply on the total income, but if they are permitted to divide the property in making their return as husband and wife the income subject to surtax also would be divided and the total surtax considerably lessened.

An opinion in a similar case, rendered by the Attorney General, held that the division of income was permis-

sible in Texas under community laws but officials were inclined to believe the new opinion may omit California and New Mexico because the laws of these States will likely necessitate a separate opinion.

Hoover Fund Goes Over The Top Here

New York, Feb. 23.—Successful in its campaign to raise \$5,000,000 in this State for the fund for the relief of children in Europe, the European Relief Council closed its work last night with a gala performance of "Carmen" in the Metropolitan Opera House. Before the last few hours' sport of the campaign, it was announced by Herbert Hoover that the fund was within \$250,000 of its goal in this State, and it is estimated that untaxed returns will exceed the quota allotted to this State in the \$5,000,000 fund of the council.

The seat sale for the gala performance netted more than \$40,000 for the fund, with virtually all the regular boxholders of the Metropolitan buying

their own boxes for the night for \$1,000 or more. Contributions of cash and pledges after an appeal had been made by Mr. Douglas Robinson ran the total to more than \$50,000.

OBJECTS TO CESSION TALK

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 23.—The Gleaner, commenting on the resolution offered in the United States Senate by Senator Reed to ascertain whether Great Britain is willing to consider the cession to America of all or any part of her possessions in the West Indies, says:

"These frequent questions and suggestions about us are beginning to get on the nerves of British West Indians and of the people of England. Why should a great empire wish to sell any part of itself?"

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